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else as a man who lived seventy years in the world could be. His achievements in these callings, particularly at the chess-board, have here their discriminating and admiring record, so that to those whose specialty is chess this book will be a treasure, while its elegance, both literary and typographical, will win for it a favored place on the tables and shelves of many others. The supplement is so full of the details of the game and of specific games, that it would be vain to attempt to read it without a chess-board for constant reference.

23.—*The Capital of the Tycoon: a Narrative of a Three Years' Residence in Japan.* By SIR RUTHERFORD ALCOCK, K. C. B., Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary in Japan. With Maps and Numerous Illustrations. In two volumes. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1863. 12mo. pp. 407, 436.

WE have seen no book on Japan so valuable as this. The author not only records all that he saw and experienced during his residence at the capital; but he discusses with affluent knowledge and great acuteness the delicate questions and complicated relations growing out of mercantile and diplomatic intercourse between the Japanese Court and the Western powers. He gives us, also, not only surface views of Japanese life and manners, but such estimates of the mental ability of the race, their moral condition, the genius of their government and institutions, and the merits and defects of their peculiar type of civilization, as would be of no worth from a flippant voyager, but are of prime importance and value as coming from a man of Sir Rutherford Alcock's intelligence, culture, and practical wisdom.

24.—*Systems of Military Bridges in Use by the United States Army, those adopted by the great European Powers, and such as are employed in British India, with Directions for the Preservation, Destruction, and Re-establishment of Bridges.* By BRIG.-GEN. GEORGE W. CULLUM (Lieut.-Col. Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army), Chief of Staff of the General-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States; late Aide-de-Camp to Lieutenant-General Scott; and Chief of Staff and of Engineers of Major-General Halleck, while commanding the Departments of the Missouri and Mississippi. New York: D. Van Nostrand. 1863. 8vo. pp. 226. Plates 7.

GENERAL CULLUM's name for this work is worth much more than our